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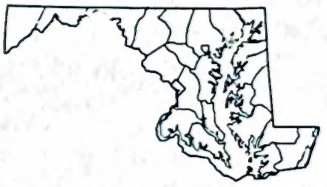

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MOS Executive Council Meeting

The MOS Executive Council met at Cylburn on January 8. Some highlights of the meeting:

•Two important chairmanships have been filled. John Malcolm of the Montgomery Chapter will head the Nominating Committee. He seeks recommendations for next year's officers and the position of the Executive Secretary. CDR John Gregoire, Anne Arundel Chapter, will chair the Eagle Committee, which will screen reports of eagle killings in Maryland and provide rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of culprits.

•First Vice President Tony White has finalized arrangements for our annual convention, to be held May 13-15 at Delmar. Theme will be the Breeding Bird Atlas. Convention speaker will be Charles Smith of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, an official of the New York State Atlas. There will be workshops and field trips devoted to survey techniques, as well as the normal field trips, a pelagic trip and classes in bird carving and photography. The Bookstore will also be there, featuring Claudia Wilds and her new book on finding birds in the Maryland/DC area.

•Second Vice President Jim Stasz has completed the groundwork for establishment of the Records Committee. Bob Ringler will serve as chairman, as well as chief honcho of the Atlas project. There will be more publicity soon on these two exciting ventures.

•Have you overlooked paying your membership dues? If so, do it now—don't forfeit the pleasure of receiving MOS publications. Executive Secretary Lettie Cullom reported paid membership as of January 8 was 1878. Final total for last year was 2107.

•On the conservation front, Gerald Einem of the Howard Chapter made a strong appeal for support of the Costa Rica National Parks Foundation. The MOS has pledged to publicize this worthy cause. (See inside for full article)

•Ben Poscover reported on the excellent condition of our sanctuaries, thanks to the conscientious efforts of the local sanctuary committees and all who have helped them. Workdays are scheduled at Irish Grove on April 2, and Carey Run on April 23. Vice Chairman Paul Bystrak was especially commended for his work on the revised sanctuary brochure.

•A meeting of chapter presidents was held at the lunch break, to exchange information and discuss ways of handling problems. Hopefully, the presidents' caucus will be a continuing activity, serving as a strong link between chapter and state administrations.

—Helen Ford, MOS Secretary

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1983 Audubon Scholarship Winners

Helen Miller Scholarship
Mr. Martin Brazeau, Elementary School Teacher, Howard County

Helen Miller Scholarship
Mr. Edwin Lee Gosnell, Biology Teacher, Towson Senior High School

Amateur Gardeners' Club of Baltimore Scholarship
Ms. Corinne Auchenbach, Nature Interpreter, Bureau of Recreation, Baltimore City

Orville Crowder Memorial Scholarship
Mr. Joseph J. McCann, Director of Parks and Recreation, Anne Arundel County

These scholarships cover cost of attendance at a two-week Audubon Ecology Camp operated by the National Audubon Society throughout the summer in Maine, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and the West.

Applications for the Chandler S. Robbins Scholarship are being accepted until March 1, 1983. This scholarship provides training in ornithology. Applicants should have an established interest in birds and should be active with youth groups in nature study activity. Summer workshops are available this year at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the Audubon Camp in Maine.

The Scholarship Committee

Editorial

March will bring the first anniversary for me as your editor. I want to express my deep appreciation for continuing support of the *Yellowthroat* to one and all. I also welcome your comments and suggestions!!

Winter is half-passed, I say to remind myself, as I look out my window at the slowly-melting drifts from the 25-inch snows of February 11-12. Norma and I avoided nearly three weeks of chilly weather by driving to the Louisiana and Texas coasts and on to the Rio Grande valley, seeing our first whooping cranes, sandhill cranes, white-tailed kites, caracaras, and lots more. Our pace on the trip was a bit frenetic, and it clearly has been a bit more restful at home-between futile jaunts seeking reported longspurs, shovelling bouts with THE BIG SNOW, and watching our (returned) resident screech owl. Good luck, nevertheless, to everyone following the reports on nearby hotlines of gyrfalcon, eider, pelicans, and other sources of winter birding excitement.

When spring does arrive, we will then be planning for the May Count on May 7, and an article about its philosophy is expected for our May-June issue; a note about the MOS Convention in Delmar, May 13-15, appears on this page; and many of us will be revving up for the new work of the Breeding Bird Atlas and other activities of the nesting season. Look for more details in other MOS mailings and future *Yellowthroats!*

(editor's address: 1908 Applewood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.)

-Cameron Lewis

MacGregor Retires

Gordon MacGregor has retired as Treasurer of the MOS after 12 years in this most demanding and arduous position. Mac has provided a valuable service to the MOS over the years for which we are extremely grateful, and we will miss his valuable counsel at the board meetings.

Dr. Roger Herriott has agreed to be the Acting Treasurer for the balance of this term. His address is 504 Highland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21204-phone: 823-7033.

Where Have All The Bluebirds Gone?

By Mary D. Janetatos

Awareness of the scarcity of bluebirds has been high in Maryland for many years. Members of MOS have been in the forefront of bluebird conservation all along. People all over Maryland have realized that the population of these native cavity nesters has been greatly reduced due to faulty human decisions. Therefore, Marylanders have come forth to rectify those human errors.

Spearheading this campaign is Lawrence Zeleny, a past president of MOS, and a former member of the MOS Board of Trustees. Dr. Zeleny's efforts included an attempt to involve Maryland state parks in setting out and monitoring bluebird nesting boxes. This project met with limited success due to vandalism of the nesting boxes.

Over the space of 11 years, Dr. Zeleny had been writing articles on bluebird conservation, which appeared in the continent-wide newspaper *Purple Martin News,* (now the *Nature Society News)* and in *National Geographic.* In 1976, his book appeared: *The Bluebird: How You Can Help Its Fight For Survival,* published for the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States by the Indiana University Press. In all of his writing, he described how the bluebirds have experienced many setbacks, from severe winters which decimated their breeding population, to the extensive use of toxic pesticides, to the crowning blow-the proliferation of two imported species: the European Starling and the House Sparrow.

Dr. Zeleny not only wrote widely on the subject. He recruited help from other quarters. Besides the many from MOS, co-operators came from the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, the Prince George's County Audubon Society, the nearby Virginia Society

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of Ornithology, and many other "collaborators" not affiliated with bird or conservation groups. MOS has had an ongoing Bluebird Project Committee under Dr. Zeleny's leadership, which has reported its results annually at the MOS Conventions. In Larry Zeleny's home county, Prince George's, he worked with the County Beautification Committee during the 1976 bicentennial celebration to have the Eastern Bluebird declared the official county bird of Prince George's County.

To all who would listen, he detailed things they could do to aid the beautiful native bluebirds. These things included the placement in suitable habitat of nesting boxes having a 1½" hole. This excluded one major pest, the starling. The nesting boxes are built with various other features developed to enhance the bluebird's chances for success in rearing young. Then, with careful monitoring to eject the house sparrows, bluebirds in many cases found these nesting sites and were able to raise multiple broods each year.

In 1978, the North American Bluebird Society with Larry Zeleny as its founder was formed to educate the general public about ways they can help the bluebirds. Based in Silver Spring, the Society has members throughout the U.S. and Canada, with a large portion of its members located in Maryland. Its fine quarterly, *Sialia,* is edited by Joanne K. Solem, who chairs the MOS long-range planning committee now. *Sialia,* which means bluebird, acts as a clearing house for questions and experiences encountered by those who want to lend a helping hand to these lovely legendary harbingers of spring. Other articles on a wide range of related topics appear, including material on other native cavity nesters, such as chickadees, tufted titmice, tree swallows, etc.

The day has passed when birders could simply enjoy nature. With so many human ecological errors abounding, the natural world needs friends who will become involved. These have indeed come forth, in the thousands. Now the bluebirds need committed friends more than ever...those who will take the extra step of finding a place where the bluebirds can nest, and then providing the nesting box and monitoring it. This can become a rewarding enterprise, and one can be secure in the knowledge that he/she helped to insure the survival of a species that was surely gravely threatened in the recent past. (Bluebirds are looking for nesting sites in March!)

To receive free nesting box plans, send a self addressed, stamped legal-sized envelope to: BLUEBIRD PLANS, Box 6295, Silver Spring, MD 20906-0295.

Alice Kaestner Memorial Walks at Lake Roland

On with the spring at Lake Roland, to watch the progress of migration over a period of ten weeks. Meet at the Robert E. Lee Park, footbridge over the stream below the falls at 8:00 a.m.

Date	Leader
March 29	Peggy Bohanan—752-3520
April 5	Mrs. Eddie Slaughter—825-8354
April 12	Adelaide Rackemann—823-4709
April 19	Patsy Perlman—466-6908
April 26	Peggy Bohanan—752-3520
May 3	Mrs. Eddie Slaughter—825-8354
May 10	Rose Gerringer—825-2175
May 17	Adelaide Rackemann—823-4709
May 24	Jeanne Woods—922-6447
May 31	Shirley Geddes — 377-6583

MOS CALENDAR MARCH/APRIL 1983

March 1

TUESDAY EVENING AT CYLBURN. Baltimore, 8:00 p.m. "A Winter Birdbanding Study"—Dr. David Thorndill, of Essex Community College, Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore.

March 3

MEETING. Frederick. 7:30 p.m. "Developing a Backyard Sanctuary" - Donald & Frances Cutchall. Hodson Science Bldg., Hood College, Frederick. Contact: Dave Wallace (662-6753)

March 4

MEETING. Anne Arundel. 8:00 p.m. Film, "Why Birds Sing" and members' favorite slides. Election of officers. Anne Arundel County Library, 1410 West St., Annapolis. Hostesses: Betty Gruehan and Ramona Kasdan

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM LECTURE. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. "Wilderness Trails"-Charles T. Hotchkiss. Dumbarton Middle School, Dumbarton Road, west of 7000 block York Rd., Baltimore. Adults $3; Junior $1.50. Mail check or money order, payable to Baltimore Chapter, MOS, with self-addressed and stamped envelope to: Jeanne Woods, 8332 Merrymount Drive, Balto., MD 21207 (922-6447)

March 5

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. 7:30 a.m. Piney Run Park Walk. Meet at Piney Run parking lot inside Park. Contact: Jerry Newton (795-0664)

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. 7:30 a.m. Blackwater NWR. Waterfowl, bald eagles and Delmarva fox squirrels. Meet at North parking area, Asbury United Methodist Church, Camden Ave. extended, Salisbury. Leader: John Dennis.

MOS DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING. 10:30 a.m. Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

March 8

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. 9:30 a.m. National Zoo. Meet in the lower parking lot near the duck ponds. Leader: Claudia Wilds (333-5769)

March 10

MEETING. Montgomery. 6:30 p.m. Annual Social and elections. 4-H Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave. Contact: Lola Oberman (365-1058)

MEETING. Howard. 7:45 p.m. Longfellow Elem. School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia. Contact: Jo Solem (725-5037)

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"Our" Songbirds Decline—They Need Our Help

Gerald Einem

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Breeding Bird Survey, each spring at more than 1,700 sites across the United States and Canada, has shown that many migratory bird populations are steadily declining. Eugene S. Morton, an evolutionary biologist with the National Zoological Park, who is co-editor of the book, "Migrant Birds in the Neotropics," noted that research shows a definite correlation between the rate of forest destruction in Central America and northern South America and the rate of decrease of migratory birds in North America. More than half of North America's bird species have their wintering grounds in tropical America.

In these regions, over the past 27 years more than 35% of the forest has been leveled for timber, cattle-ranching and coffee fincas and other forms of agriculture. According to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization the destruction of mature tropical forest is proceeding at the rate of 1% to 2% a year.

John Fitzpatrick, head of the Bird Division at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, reported that forest destruction will have its greatest impact on birds over wintering in Central America. This is because deforestation has been particularly severe there and because more species winter there where they coexist with considerably fewer resident species as compared to our migrants in tropical South America. Moreover, because of the greater land area of continental South America the average population density of migratory birds is not as great as the population density in Central America. Two examples of birds that are potentially vulnerable are the Hooded and Kentucky Warblers, birds that winter in the fast-disappearing rain forests of Central America. With these and other species we have discovered that protecting the breeding habitats of migrant birds is only half of the story.

What can be done to protect our birds on their winter homes? One small county in Central America, Costa Rica, has taken up the challenge of protecting its forests and wildlife including migratory birds. Over the past twelve years, Costa Rica has succeeded in protecting a wide range of natural habitats in a system of National Parks, Biological Reserves, Wildlife Refuges, and Protected Zones.

In this brief period, over 8% of the area of Costa Rica has been protected. Some 25 separate units protect 1,050,000 acres of primary habitat.

These areas are rain forests with jaguar, macaws and howler monkeys, cloud forests with quetzal and tapir, remote beaches where sea turtles nest, and shorebirds spend the winter, active volcanic craters, vast marshes teeming with waterfowl, mangroves, oak forests, alpine grasslands, swamps, and coral reefs, features of a rich natural heritage, one of which Costa Ricans are exceptionally proud. This tropical richness-over 12,000 species of mammals; 850 of birds, including migrants, more than 150 of reptiles and amphibians-sets Costa Rica apart as naving one of the most diverse flora and fauna in so compact an area anywhere in the world.

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"Our Songbirds"

This success has been impressive, but much remains to be done. Development encroaches on the parks and refuges, threatening their integrity; key inholdings within the wild areas remain unpurchased to the detriment of the reserve and the private landowner; new reserves and important additions to existing parks have gone unacquired for scarcity of funds; a lack of critical equipment makes management of the reserves and their precious wildlife difficult.

Several years ago, Costa Rican conservation leaders saw the need for a private, non-governmental, nonprofit organization to help meet the pressing needs of the Park and Refuge system. The National Parks Foundation fills this role.

Organized in 1979 under Costa Rican law, the Foundation has as its objective the protection and development of the National Park System and equivalent reserves, and the promotion of environmental education within the country. Although the Foundation frequently assists the government in natural areas acquisition and management, it is supported entirely by private donations.

For this reason, the Foundation is taking its program to a broad range of potential individual, foundation, and corporate donors both within Costa Rica and in other countries. The support of both sectors is vital to its success.

Working with national and international scientists, the Foundation assists in identifying the key natural areas in need of preservation, whether these are additions to existing reserves or new reserves that need to be created. Priority is given to completion of existing areas. By carefully searching out those lands that are critical to park management, the Foundation can help focus scarce resources where they can do the most good.

The Foundation raises funds to protect these critical lands, either purchasing the areas directly, or channeling funds to the appropriate government agency.

Because the Foundation is private, it can be particularly effective in directly protecting land. As a private purchaser, the Foundation can act quickly and decisively to option threatened areas and avert their destruction.

Working with the government agency responsible for a particular Park or Refuge, the Foundation provides funding for equipment, planning, research, environmental education, and interpretation.

Your tax-deductible contribution will be put to work quickly to preserve and to protect. You may offer your support as follows:

-United States donors who wish to contribute can send money to The Nature Conservancy or World Wildlife Fund. These organizations have active international conservation programs and are supporting Costa Rican conservation.

To become a part of the Foundation's exciting conservation program complete the form below. Few investments you will make provide such direct returns in land saved and species preserved. Your support truly makes a difference.

I want to help. Here's my contribution to:

☐ The Nature Conservancy ☐ World Wildlife Fund

in support of the work of the Costa Rica National Park Foundation.

☐
$25

☐
$50

☐
$100

☐

$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your gift is tax-deductible.

Please make checks payable and mail this form to one of the organizations:

The Nature Conservancy
International Program
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(703) 841-5300

World Wildlife Fund-U.S.
1601 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 387-0800

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATE RECORDS OF MIGRATORY SPECIES

County _____
Season _____
Year _____
Observers _____
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Add additional species as necessary. Exclude permanent residents. Please explain other migrants on back; include dates, locations, numbers. Do the same for commoner species if date, location, or numbers are unusual.

	Arr.	Dep.
Common Loon		
Horned Grebe		
Pied-bill Grebe		
Great Blue Heron		
Green Heron		
Cattle Egret		
Great Egret		
Snowy Egret		
Whistling Swan		
Canada Goose		
Gadwall		
Pintail		
Green-wing Teal		
Blue-winged Teal		
Wigeon		
Shoveler		
Wood Duck		
Redhead		
Ring-necked Duck		
Canvasback		
Lesser Scaup		
Goldeneye		
Bufflehead		
Oldsquaw		
Ruddy Duck		
Hooded Merg		
Common Merg		
Red-breast Merg		
Broad-wing Hawk		
Harrier		
Osprey		
Kestrel		
Coot		
Semi Plover		
Grtr Yellowlegs		
Lesr Yellowlegs		
Solitary Sand		
Spotted Sand		
Woodcock		
Snipe		
Semi Sand		
Least Sand		
Pectoral Sand		
Laughing Gull		
Bonaparte's Gull		
Forster's Tern		
Least Tern		
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	Arr.	Dep.
Yel-bill Cuckoo		
Blck-bill Cuckoo		
Whip-poor-will		
Nighthawk		
Chimney Swift		
Hummingbird		
Sapsucker		
Kingbird		
Crested Fly		
Phoebe		
Acadian Fly		
Willow Fly		
Least Fly		
Pewee		
Tree Swallow		
Bank Swallow		
Rgh-wing Swallow		
Barn Swallow		
Cliff Swallow		
Purple Martin		
Red-breast Nut		
Brown Creeper		
House Wren		
Winter Wren		
Catbird		
Brown Thrasher		
Robin		
Wood Thrush		
Hermit Thrush		
Swainson Thrush		
Veery		
Gnatcatcher		
Gold-cr Kinglet		
Ruby-cr Kinglet		
Water Pipit		
White-eye Vireo		
Yel-thr Vireo		
Solitary Vireo		
Red-eyed Vireo		
Warbling Vireo		
B-&-W Warbler		
Prothon Warbler		
Worm-eat Warbler		
Bl-wing Warbler		
Tennessee Warb		
Nashville Warb		
Parula Warbler		
Yellow Warbler		
Magnolia Warbler		
Cape May Warbler		
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Bk-thr Blue Warb		
Myrtle Warbler		
Bk-thr Green War		
Cerulean Warbler		
Blkburnian Warb		
Yel-thrted Warb		
Chest-side Warb		
Bay-brstd Warb		
Blackpoll Warb		
Pine Warbler		
Prairie Warbler		
Palm Warbler		
Ovenbird		
N. Waterthrush		
La. Waterthrush		
Kentucky Warbler		
Yellowthroat		
Chat		
Hooded Warbler		
Wilson's Warbler		
Canada Warbler		
Redstart		
Bobolink		
Red-wing Blkbird		
Orchard Oriole		
Baltimore Oriole		
Rusty Blackbird		
Common Grackle		
Cowbird		
Scarlet Tanager		
Summer Tanager		
Rose-brst Gros		
Blue Grosbeak		
Indigo Bunting		
Evening Grosbeak		
Purple Finch		
Pine Siskin		
Towhee		
Savanna Sparrow		
Grasshopper Spar		
Vesper Sparrow		
Junco		
Tree Sparrow		
Chipping Sparrow		
White-crown Spar		
White-thrt Spar		
Fox Sparrow		
Swamp Sparrow		
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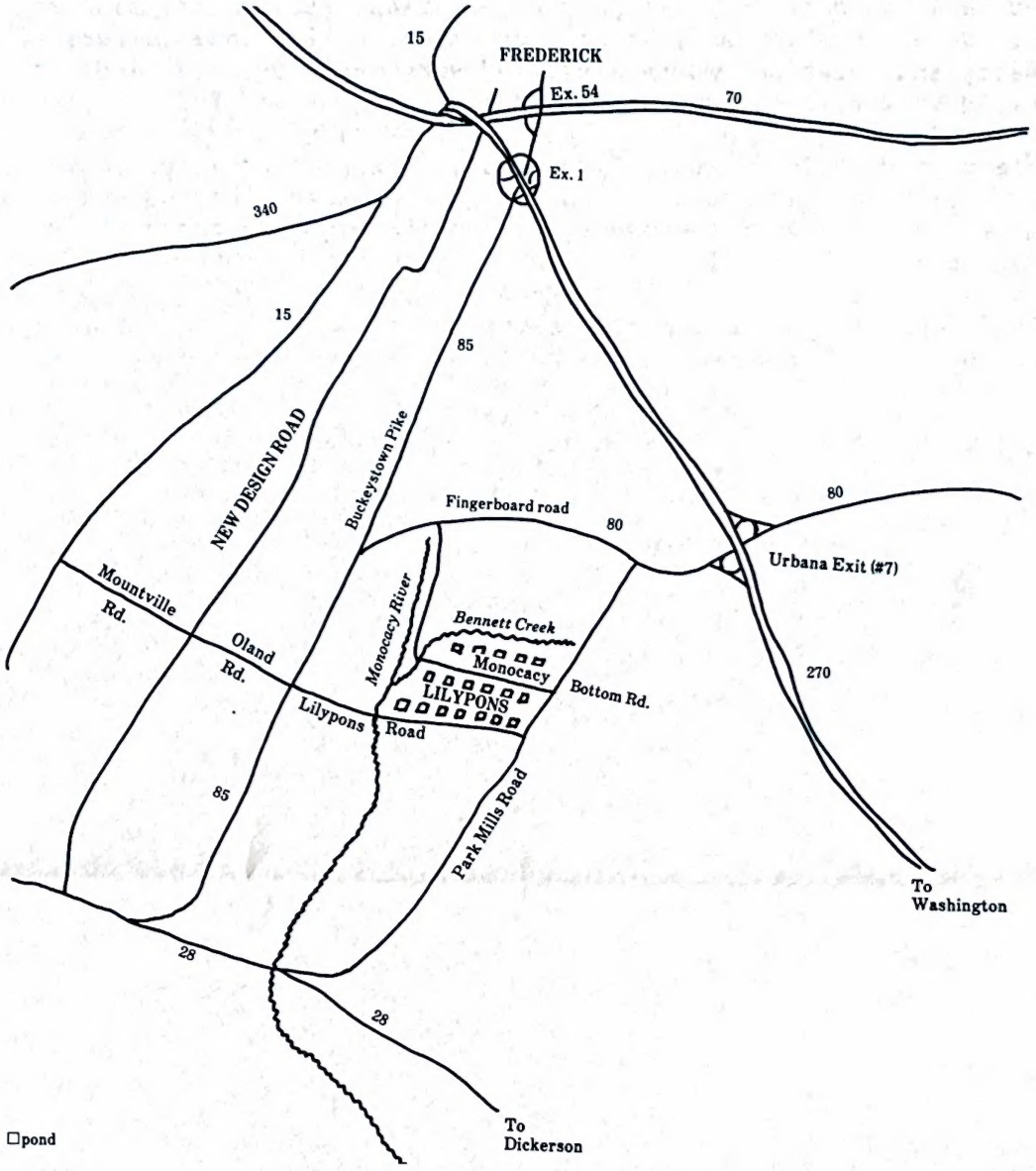
Return to: Bob Ringler, 3501 Melody Lane, Baltimore, MD 21207 at end of season.

This is a data sheet for recording the earliest arrivals and latest departures of migratory bird species for inclusion in the migration tables of Maryland Birdlife for the spring and fall seasons. Fill in your observation dates on one side and additional details below. We are particularly interested in unusually large numbers of a species for your locality and locations where these and very early or late birds showed up. Consult the Field List of the Birds of Maryland by Robbins and Bystrak (the "little yellow book") to find out if your observations are extraordinary. The more unusual the observation the more details we would like to see. Extreme rarities deserve the best documentation possible. Take notes on the spot if possible. Photos are greatly appreciated and enhance the quality of the magazine. Spring migrants can usually be found from February through early June. Fall migrants can be seen from late June through November, though some birds do not stick to the standard schedule. Spring reports are due by June 30 and fall reports by December 31. Everyone can help. Please take a little time and contribute to our knowledge of the birds of Maryland. Good luck!

Additional Notes:

SITE GUIDE — LILYPONS/NEW DESIGN ROAD FREDERICK COUNTY



Dave Wallace

The area known as Lilypons Water Gardens is widely recognized as one of western Maryland's most interesting birding sites, the sort of place where one can reasonably expect the unexpected at all seasons.

Lilypons (so-named in 1936 with the consent of the famed star of the Metropolitan Opera) is located about ten miles south of Frederick, Maryland, just to the east of State Route 85, where Lilypons Road crosses over the Monocacy River (see map). The portion of prime interest to birders lies between Lilypons Road and Monocacy Bottom Road and beyond the latter to Bennett Creek. Most of the property is bottom land containing over 100 man-made ponds used for the propagation of ornamental fish and aquatic plants. Some of the older ponds are now dry and covered with rose and blackberry bushes. The margins of Bennett Creek and Monocacy Bottom Road contain deciduous trees and brush and the whole area is surrounded by farm fields and pastures. In the active ponds, water levels vary considerably, so there is usually suitable habitat for transient waders and waterfowl, which occur in good variety but in relatively small numbers. Although the property is privately owned, the owners welcome birders.

The Gardens are open year-round during these hours: March - October, Monday-Saturday 8:00 - 4:00, Sunday 12:00-4:00; November - February, Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00. For further information, call (301) 874-5133.

Since parking at the office is limited, birders are asked to park along Lilypons Road, outside the entrance. It is also asked that they avoid disturbing the resident cattle, fish and cultivated plants.

New Design Road, a short distance west of Route 85 and parallel to it, is well worth scouting at any season: in spring for bobolinks, water pipits, upland sandpipers; in summer for dickcissels, horned larks, vesper sparrows; in fall for golden plovers, upland sandpipers, water pipits; in winter for rough-legged hawks and other buteos, horned larks, and an occasional snow bunting or lapland longspur.

Checklist for Lilypons/New Design Road, Frederick County

Pied-billed Grebe	M
Great Blue Heron	S, W
Green Heron	S
Little Blue Heron (imm.)	S
Cattle Egret	S
Great Egret	S
Snowy Egret	S
American Bittern	S
Least Bittern	S
Glossy Ibis	S
White Ibis (imm.)	S
Mute Swan	M
Whistling Swan	M, W
Canada Goose	M
Snow Goose	M
Mallard	S, W
American Black Duck	M
Common Pintail	M
Gadwall	M
Green-winged Teal	M
Blue-winged Teal	M
American Wigeon	M
Wood Duck	S
Ring-necked Duck	M
Bufflehead	M
Ruddy Duck	M
Hooded Merganser	W
Common Merganser	W
Red-breasted Merganser	M
Turkey Vulture	S, W
Black Vulture	S, W
Sharp-shinned Hawk	S, W
Cooper's Hawk	S, W
Red-tailed Hawk	S, W
Red-shouldered Hawk	S, W
Broad-winged Hawk	M
Rough-legged Hawk	W
Bald Eagle	W
Northern Harrier	W
Osprey	S
Merlin	M
American Kestrel	S, W
Common Bobwhite	S, W
Ring-necked Pheasant	S, W
Turkey	W
Sora	S
American Coot	M
Semipalmated Plover	M
Killdeer	S, W
Lesser Golden Plover	M
Upland Sandpiper	M
Greater Yellowlegs	M
Lesser Yellowlegs	M
Solitary Sandpiper	M
Spotted Sandpiper	M
Wilson's Phalarope	M
Northern Phalarope	M
Common Snipe	W
Short-billed Dowitcher	M
Semipalmated Sandpiper	M
Western Sandpiper	M
Least Sandpiper	M
White-rumped Sandpiper	M
Pectoral Sandpiper	M
Dunlin	M
Stilt Sandpiper	M
Herring Gull	W
Ring-billed Gull	W
Bonaparte's Gull	M
Caspian Tern	M
Black Tern	M
Rock Dove	S, W
Mourning Dove	S, W
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	S
Barred Owl	S, W
Short-eared Owl	W
Common Nighthawk	M
Chimney Swift	S
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	S
Belted Kingfisher	S, W
Common Flicker	S, W
Pileated Woodpecker	S, W
Red-bellied Woodpecker	S, W
Red-headed Woodpecker	S,W
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	W
Hairy Woodpecker	S,W
Downy Woodpecker	S,W
Eastern Kingbird	S
Gt. Crested Flycatcher	S
Eastern Phoebe	S
Acadian Flycatcher	S
Willow Flycatcher	S
Alder Flycatcher	M
Eastern Pewee	S
Olive-sided Flycatcher	M
Horned Lark	S,W
Tree Swallow	M
Bank Swallow	M
Rough-winged Swallow	S
Barn Swallow	S
Cliff Swallow	M
Purple Martin	S
Blue Jay	S,W
Northern Raven	W
Common Crow	S,W
Fish Crow	S,W
Black-capped Chickadee	W
Carolina Chickadee	S,W
Tufted Titmouse	S,W
White-breasted Nuthatch	S,W
Brown Creeper	W
House Wren	S
Winter Wren	W
Carolina Wren	S,W
Marsh Wren	W
Mockingbird	S,W
Gray Catbird	S
Brown Thrasher	S
American Robin	S
Wood Thrush	S
Hermit Thrush	M
Swainson's Thrush	M
Eastern Bluebird	S,W
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	S
Golden-crowned Kinglet	W
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	W
Water Pipit	M
Cedar Waxwing	S,W
Loggerhead Shrike	W
European Starling	S,W
White-eyed Vireo	S
Yellow-throated Vireo	M
Solitary Vireo	M
Red-eyed Vireo	S
Warbling Vireo	S
Black and White Warbler	M
Blue-winged Warbler	M
Tennessee Warbler	M
Northern Parula Warbler	M
Yellow Warbler	M
Magnolia Warbler	M
Cape May Warbler	M
Yellow-rumped Warbler	M,W
Black-throated Green Warbler	M
Yellow-throated Warbler	M
Bay-breasted Warbler	M
Prairie Warbler	M
Palm Warbler	M
Northern Waterthrush	M
Louisiana Waterthrush	S
Common Yellowthroat	S
Yellow-breasted Chat	S
Wilson's Warbler	M
Canada Warbler	M
American Redstart	M
House Sparrow	S,W
Bobolink	M
Eastern Meadowlark	S,W
Red-wing Blackbird	S,W
Orchard Oriole	S
Northern Oriole	S
Rusty Blackbird	M
Common Grackle	S
Brown-headed Cowbird	S,W
Scarlet Tanager	S
Northern Cardinal	S,W
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M
Blue Grosbeak	S
Indigo Bunting	S
Dickcissel	S
Evening Grosbeak	W
Purple Finch	W
House Finch	S,W
American Goldfinch	S,W
Rufous-sided Towhee	S
Savannah Sparrow	M
Grasshopper Sparrow	S
Vesper Sparrow	S
Northern Junco	W
American Tree Sparrow	W
Chipping Sparrow	S
Field Sparrow	S,W
White-crowned Sparrow	W
White-throated Sparrow	W
Fox Sparrow	M
Swamp Sparrow	W
Song Sparrow	S,W
Lapland Longspur	W
Snow Bunting	W

S-Summer
M-Migratory
W-Winter

March 13

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 1:30 p.m. Snyder's Landing. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Rt. 65, ½ mi. north of I-70, Hagerstown. Leaders: Ross and Mary Corderman.

March 14

BOARD MEETING. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

March 16

MEETING. Allegany. 7:00 p.m. "Hawks"-Kim Titus and Bird Camp planning.

MEETING. Talbot. 7:30 p.m. "Audubon Ecology Camp in The West"-Donald Merritt. Maryland Room, Loyola Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., Harrison and Goldsborough Streets, Easton.

March 17

MEETING. Kent. 7:30 p.m. "Life History of The Purple Martin"-Kathy Klimkiewicz. Kent County Public Library, Chestertown. Contact: Pat Wilson (778-1005)

March 18

MEETING. Caroline County. 7:30 p.m. "Local Indian Artifacts"-Mr. Robert Schall. Room 3, Educational Building, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Denton.

March 19

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 8:00 a.m. Loch Raven Reservoir, Baltimore Co. Meet at Grempler Realty lot, L. Patuxent Parkway, Columbia. Leaders: Marty Chestem (730-1527) and Eva Sunell (995-0029)

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. 8:00 a.m. Strawbridge, wintering songbirds and raptors. Meet at Freedom School parking lot, Rt. 32, 1 mi. north of 32/26 intersection. Leader: Bob Rasa (489-4094)

YOUTH ACTIVITY. Baltimore. 10:00 a.m. "Reptiles and Amphibians"-Mark Tegges. Cylburn Park Mansion. 4915 Greenspring Ave.

March 22

MEETING. Washington. 7:30 p.m. "Birds of Australia"-Dr. Bob Trever. Loyola Federal Savings & Loan, 32 North Potomac St., Hagerstown.

MEETING. Patuxent. 7:45 p.m. St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 6th and Main Streets, Laurel.

March 23

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM. Talbot. 8:00 p.m. "African Adventures and Adventures in The American West"-Tom Dietz. Easton High School, Mecklenburg Avenue, Easton.

March 25

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 7:30 p.m. Amphibian Walk. Meet at Grempler Realty Parking Lot, Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia. Wear waterproof boots and warm clothing. Bring flashlight. No children under 10. Leader: Jo Solem (725-5037)

March 26

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. 7:30 a.m. Bluebirds and woodpeckers on Lucille Beale's property. Meet at Culler Lake Boat House, Frederick. Contact: Dave Wallace (662-6753)

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Huntley Meadows and Dykes Marsh, Virginia. Spring migrants and wildflowers. Meet at Annapolis Mall commuter area. Bring lunch. Leader: Jim Cheevers (224-2061)

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. 7:30 a.m. New Design Road-Lilypons. Early spring migrant sparrows, raptors, pipits. Meet under the Sears sign at Montgomery Mall. Bring lunch. Leader: Erika Wilson (920-9181)

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 8:00 a.m. Big Pool. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Rt. 65, ½ mi. N of I-70, Hagerstown. Leader: Bob Keedy.

March 26-27

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Weekend field trip to Bay Bridge and Tunnel, and Fisherman's Island National Wildlife Refuge, near Cape Charles, VA Arrangement by Fred and Jean Snyder. Leader: Jeff Effinger.

March 27

CYLBURN OPEN HOUSE AND TEA. Baltimore 2:00-4:00 p.m. "Mushrooms of Maryland"-Paul Noell of the Maryland Mycological Society. Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 4:00 p.m. Blair's Valley for woodcocks. Meet at Blair's Valley Lake parking lot. Leader: Robert Keedy.

March 28

DINNER MEETING. Wicomico. 6:00 p.m. Bird profile by Maurice Davis. "From The North Sea North"-Bill Fintel. Bring covered dish to serve eight. Wicomico Presbyterian Church, Broad St., Salisbury.

March 31

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore/Natural History Society. 10:00 a.m. Trees in Spring before the buds open. Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore. Leader: Gordon Filbey (944-1566)

April 2

YOUTH ACTIVITY. Baltimore 9:00 a.m. Bird banding demonstration 10:00 a.m. "Birds"-Barbara Ross. Cylburn Park Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. 7:30 a.m. Nassawango Furnace Area. Meet in the north parking area of Asbury United Methodist Church, Camden Avenue Extended, Salisbury.

April 3

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 1:30 p.m. Marsh Run. Meet at Paramount School, Marsh Pike and Longmeadow Rd., Paramount. Leaders: Marlin and Bertie Thurmond.

April 7

MEETING. Frederick. 7:30 p.m. Maryland Wildflowers-Anneke Davis. Hodson Science Bldg., Hood College, Frederick.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 9:00 a.m. Cylburn Bird and Flower Walk. Cylburn Park Mansion. Leader: Edith Conley (435-7443)

April 8

MEETING. Anne Arundel. 8:00 p.m. Richard E. Heise, Jr. Annual Wildlife Program. Benefit for MOS Sanctuary and Scholarship Funds. For details, contact: Jim Cheevers (224-2061)

April 9

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 7:30 a.m. Loch Raven for waterfowl and early songbirds. Towson Plaza parking lot, Dulaney Valley Road and Fairmount Ave. near self-serv P. O. Leader: Paul Noell (243-2652)

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. 7:30 a.m. Piney Run Park. Meet at gravel parking lot on the left, inside the park.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. 7:30 a.m. Jug Bay-Patuxent River Park Eary migrants, waterfowl, marsh birds, raptors. Meet at Bowie parking lot (from DC Beltway, take U.S. 50 east 6 mi. to MD 197, Collington-Bowie Exit; go north ¼ mi. to lot on left). Leader: Tony White (229-1641)

FIELD TRIP. Frederick, 7:30 a.m. Lilypons for ducks, shorebirds, & swallows. Meet at Culler Lake Boat House, Frederick. Contact: Dave Wallace (662-6753)

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 8:00 a.m. Keedysville area. Meet at Red Byrd Restaurant for breakfast, Keedysville. Leaders: Betty & Ray McCoy.

April 10

BIRD WALK. Talbot. 7:00 a.m. Meet in front of Courthouse, Easton. Breakfast hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lea, Jr.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Back River for rare gulls and early migrants. Back River Sewage Plant Administration Bldg., Eastern Avenue, Baltimore. Leader: Mike Resch (668-6515)

April 11

BOARD MEETING. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. Cylburn Park Mansion.

April 14

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore/Natural History Society. 9:00 a.m. Migrating birds and wildflowers. Cylburn Park, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore. Leaders: Erana Lubbert (377-6346) and Edith Conley (435-7443)

MEETING. Carroll. 7:30 p.m. Fairhaven Auditorium, 7200 Third Ave., Sykesville. Coordinator: Bob Alexander (795-0323).

MEETING. Howard. 7:45 p.m. Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia.

MEETING. Montgomery. 8:00 p.m. "The Shy Albatross"-Daphne Gemmill. Chevy Chase Public Library, Chevy Chase.

April 15

MEETING. Caroline. 7:30 p.m. Film: "Down to Feathers" Educational Building, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Denton

April 16

BIRD WALK. Kent. 6:30 a.m. Meet at A & P parking lot, Chestertown.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. Meet at Annapolis Mall commuter area. Leader: Carol Swartz (268-7380)

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 9:00 a.m. Meet at Grempler Realty parking lot, Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia.

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April 17

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery 6:00 a.m. Lilypons-Nolan's Ferry. Spring migrants. Burdetter Road at River Road. Bring lunch. Leader: Rick Bray (652-0387)

BIRD WALK. Talbot. 7:00 a.m. Meet in front of Courthouse, Easton. Breakfast Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fowler and Robert Sharp.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 1:30 p.m. Mondel at Taylor's Landing. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Rt. 65, ½ mi. north of I-70, Hagerstown. Leaders: Frank and Doris Warfield.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 6:20 p.m. Woodcock walk. Leader: Aelrod Geis. For further information, call Mrs. Walters (531-3216)

April 16-17

IRISH GROVE WEEKEND. Baltimore. Overnight at Sanctuary. For information and reservations, call Bob Ringler (655-5738)

April 20

MEETING. Talbot. 7:30 p.m. "Wildlife Photography-How To Do It" Mrs. Rita Pettit. Maryland Room, Loyola Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., Harrison and Goldsborough Sts., Easton.

MEETING. Allegany. 7:00 p.m. Board of Education. Dan Folk will talk on Bees. Bird Camp plans.

April 21

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 9:00 a.m. Migrating and resident birds. Cylburn Park Mansion. 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore. Leaders: Edith Conley (435-7443) and Christine Bowen.

April 22

FILM. Talbot. 8:00 p.m. Audubon Film "Land Of The Shortgrass Prairie"-Lorne Wallace. Easton H. S., Mecklenburg Ave., Easton.

MEETING. Kent. Time, place to be announced. Anneke Davis-"The Pine Barrens of New Jersey." Contact: Pat Wilson (778-1005)

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. "Saguaro Country"-Arthur C. Toomey. Dumbarton Middle School, Dumbarton Road, west of 7000 block York Rd., Baltimore. See March 4, Baltimore, item for ticket & ordering details.

April 23

BIRD WALK. Kent. 6:30 a.m. Meet at A & P parking lot, Chestertown.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Severn Run. Meet at Annapolis Mall commuter area. Leaders: Alex, Helene Hammer (761-7749)

FIELD TRIP. Harford. 8:00 a.m. Bombay Hook in the Spring. Meet at intersection of Rts. 222 and 40. Bring lunch. Contact: John Wortman (939-3146)

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. 6:30 a.m. Bombay Hook NWR and Little Creek Wildlife Area. Waterfowl, shorebirds, & raptors. Meet at Bowie parking lot (from DC Beltway, take US 50 east 6 miles to MD 197; go north ¼ mile to lot on left) Leaders: Harvey Mudd (530-7322) and Paul and Michael O'Brien (424-6491)

FIELD TRIP. Washington. 7:30 a.m. Lilypons. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Rt. 65, ½ mi. north of I-70, Hagerstown. Leaders: Cam and Norma Lewis. (791-2516)

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Oregon Ridge. Meet at Ski Lodge parking area. Park is 1 mile west of I-83 on Shawan Road. Leader: Bob Stanhope (472-9269)

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 7:30 a.m. Calvert Cliffs State Park. Leader: Tom Strikeverda. (942-2841)

April 24

BIRD WALK. Talbot. 7:00 a.m. Meet in front of the Courthouse, Easton. Breakfast Host: John Wonuga.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. 1:30 p.m. Piney Run Park. Spring migrants and owls. Contact: Dave Wallace (662-6753)

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Fort Smallwood. Possible Spring hawk flight. Meet at park entrance. Leader: Clark Jeschke (747-8457)

CYLBURN OPEN HOUSE AND TEA. Baltimore. 2:00-4:00 p.m. "Bluebirds in Your Garden"-Peter Zerhusen. Cylburn Park Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 12:30 p.m. Rockburn Park Habitat Walk. Meet at Grempler Realty lot, Little Patuxent Pkwy., Columbia, or 1:00 p.m. in Rockburn Park. Leaders: Chuck Dupree (796-1086) and Bill Eckert.

April 25

MEETING. Wicomico. 7:30 p.m. Bird Profile by Charles and Margaret Baker. Election of officers. Asbury United Methodist Church, Camden Avenue Extended, Salisbury.

MEETING. Patuxent. 7:45 p.m. St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Sixth and Main Streets, Laurel.

April 26

MEETING. Washington. 7:30 p.m. Meet at new Nature Center, Greenbrier State Park. (Rte. 40, between Rte. 66 and Myersville interchanges of I-70) Tour of Center by Ray Bennett.

April 28

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Rock Run. Visit to Leland Devore's "Parade Rest" after walk. Meet at Towson Plaza parking lot, Dulaney Valley Rd. and Fairmount Avenue, near self-service Post Office. Leaders: Rose Gerringer (825-2175) and Erana Lubbert (377-6346)

April 30

BIRD WALK. Kent. 6:30 a.m. Meet at A & P parking lot, Chestertown.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. 7:00 a.m. Lake Needwood area. Warblers and other migrants. Parking lot for trail to Lake Frank. Take Rt. 28 NE out of Rockville; left on Avery Rd., .8 mi. to parking lot. Leader: Frank Witebsky (365-2944)

FIELD TRIP. Kent. 7:30 a.m. Little Creek, Delaware. Leave A & P parking lot, Chestertown.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Upland sandpipers. Meet at Phoenix Road, Phoenix near intersection with Carroll Road. Leader: Hank Kaestner (472-4626)

FIELD TRIP. Howard. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Wildflower Workshop. All day field trips, slide shows and displays. Howard County Central Library meeting room, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia. Leaders: Marty Chestem (730-1527) and Jo Solem (725-5037)

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Follow-up on bird habitat talk. Location to be announced. Leaders: Charley and Gail Vaughn.

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